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Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Re: Docket 2014-044; Cause No. 139-126

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), acting in its Trust capacity on behalf of trust mineral interest, is aware that the referenced Docket matter is scheduled to be heard by the Utah Oil, Gas, and Mining Board on December 10, 2014.

The proposal submitted would affect Indian trust minerals held for the benefit of one or more Individual Indian Mineral Owners (Allottees) on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation. In matters such as this, forced pooling, affecting Indian trust mineral estate, the BIA must concur with or accept the proposal for it to be effective.

Based upon the exhibits provided, Rig II, LLC proposes to force pool the Indian trust mineral estate, along with other non-consenting owners. At this point in time, the BIA does not consent to the force pooling of the Indian trust assets in the referenced matter, and we are requesting for a continuation to further evaluate the spacing.

Should there be any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mrs. Paula Black, Realty Specialist at (435) 722-4313 or Mr. Antonio Pingree, Deputy Trust Superintendent at (435) 722-4322.

Sincerely,

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